

## 24. International Dance Week Riesa Riesa November 16<sup>th</sup> - November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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Hamburg, Germany in April 2020

My dearest IDO-show- and tap-dance friends all over the world of dance!

This official letter goes to all IDO-Performing Arts members and Contacts. Please forward this PDF to your studios, clubs, schools, members, dancers and parents etc. for official pre-information. If there are any open questions please contact me - the IDO-member.

Currently we all undergo this night-mare of lock-down restrictions to avoid a further outspread of the "Corona virus". The health of all of us has highest priority in all countries! No doubt about it.

Checking corona-information from all around the world, I see there are countries already loosening the hard restrictions - while other countries have to let the hard grip continue - and others just start with the restrictions. It is not our responsibility to discuss this or have a different opinion. We just have to follow, what the national/regional authorities decide.

Unfortunately - for our IDO-events - there is no Predictability: Nobody knows what will happen next and which precautions have to be taken by the national governments.

### **But there will be a "time-after"!**

I receive many very nice emails about this "time-after" with the question if there is "light at the end of the tunnel"? How about Riesa? Will the IDO World Show dance and IDO World Tap dance Championships take place in the City of Riesa?

Here is our answer:

### **Yes for sure, the IDO World Show Dance and Tap Dance Championships will take place in Riesa! .....**

### **...IF the health authorities in Saxony / Germany will allow it.**

BUT - unfortunately - today it is much too early to give any dependable information. There are about 7 more months to go - and I am glad about these many weeks ahead of us! It gives us time and hope!

We have set a first bench line round about August 15, 2020 for us to (hopefully) decide.

And I truly hope we will then have dependable information to announce decisions.

In the best case there are about 3 months left for the dancers' and officials' preparations for both IDO-Championships. Enough time.

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I suggest you dancers in all countries do “home-learning/training/rehearsals” by internet with your teachers and choreographers. This is definitely not so exciting than being together with everybody to dance - which we now experience as one of the most important benefits in our life: we miss the company of our friends and buddies!

I have been informed there is a lot done in the various countries. This gives all of us hope and confidence the night-mare will be over (or less) as soon as possible.

And also the IDO provides MASTERCLASSES in several dance disciplines by IDO-Master Teachers. [www.ido-dance.com](http://www.ido-dance.com)

### **New in 2020 for the World Championships in Riesa:**

The IDO has enlarged the EPNs for each World Championship in Riesa 2020. Please check with the website.

Question: “why?”

Being realistic we have to consider that not all our wonderful member countries may send their dancers to “Riesa” due to their countries’ restrictions, high priced tickets, and/or lack of money due to possible unemployment in the families, etc. etc. We deeply feel with them!

Therefore the IDO thankfully opened more slots (EPNs) for the countries that can (hopefully) attend. Thus to enable more dancers from these possible countries to enjoy the competition and be with us in the famous SACHSENarena in Riesa.

We are also afraid some of our members will not even have the possibility to organize qualifications for “Riesa”. We all want to help and be flexible.

### **Bench-mark**

As I wrote above our bench-mark is Mid-August 2020. Please do not book any airline ticket, accommodation or undergo any other non-reimbursable expenses before this date or before you have read our official statement - also published in the websites.

“Around this date” we will check with the German authorities, the City of Riesa, the FVG-Riesa, the IDO and the German TAF what to do. And let me also repeat: hopefully we will be able to do this until Mid-August.

There might be restrictions we don’t know today we have to follow. There also might be issues controverting to IDO-rules and traditions and/or to the previous years. We have to check what will be possible - and again - we have to be flexible.

I trust that everybody will understand this necessary flexibility, which will be so important for all our wonderful dancers’ parents’, judges’, supporters’ and guests’ health and safety.

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At Mid- August 2020 we will inform all IDO-Performing Arts countries and publish the official information on the IDO-website [www.ido-dance.com](http://www.ido-dance.com) and in the "Riesa" Competition Websites parallel.

[www.showdance-worldchampionships.com](http://www.showdance-worldchampionships.com) [www.tapdance-worldchampionships.com](http://www.tapdance-worldchampionships.com)

**Yes, "Riesa" is ready to welcome you if it will be possible.**

### Possible questions from dancers and parents:

YES - you may compete in the costumes and choreography of last year if this is the only possibility to compete. Basically this is what everybody avoids but in these times we have to accept special exceptions.

Or you have a new choreography but the costumes of 2019. No worries!

*(☺ And in 2021 you will have wonderful smashing new costumes and choreography☺)*

Being realistic I personally expect less countries being able to attend and compete. Yes we might have to cut down expenses to hold the IDO Show - and Tap dance Worlds in Riesa 2020 at all. Since 2 weeks all events are cancelled in Germany until end of August. This means no income for the FVG-Riesa right away. But expenses have to be paid.

In the wonderful moment we (IDO, City of Riesa, TAF-Germany and I) see "light at the end of the tunnel" we will discuss how to proceed in the best way. All is open at this early time. Let us be prepared.

But nevertheless we all - who signed this letter - are full of positive energy and hope to have many wonderful IDO-competitors in Riesa this November 2020! We are looking forward to host the IDO-Dance Worlds in Riesa again, for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year. We love all our dancers and members and are really looking forward to "See you in Riesa in November 2020!"

Best regards and stay healthy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Wendt', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Wendt  
IDO-President and  
Sport Organizer in Riesa

In the name of:

Marco Müller- Lord Mayor of the City of Riesa // Manuela Langer und John Jaeschke -  
Managing Directors of the FVG-Riesa-mbH // Ralf Josat – President TAF-Germany e.V.

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Dear IDO-Judges and officials!

Additional to the letter above let me inform you also:

Basically it is the same content for you as for the dancers:

Please save the dates for “Riesa” you have been appointed for by the IDO (and your federation)

### Show dance

Chairperson of Judges	Dr. Meta Zagorc
Supervisor	Andrej Kokoulin
MC	Ralf Josat
Scrutineers	Linum Team
Competitions Office	Julia Tuzhilkina
TEAM CANADA DANCE ORG	Annmarie Reynolds
Czech Dance Organization	Klasova, Dana
TAF Germany e.V.	not enrolled by name yet
Hong Kong Dance Federation	not enrolled by name yet
SN IDO in Poland	not enrolled by name yet
All Russia Dance Organization	not enrolled by name yet
Slovak Dance Sport Federation	not enrolled by name yet
DanceSport Federation of Slovenia	Diana Drobnic Gorenc

### Tap

Chairperson of Judges	Kerstin Albrecht
Supervisor	Hana Svehlova
Scrutineers	Linum Team
MC	Seamus Byrne
Competitions Office	Marta Firlej / Mateusz Holewski
Crown - International Dance Association	Australia Wendy, Dalton
TEAM CANADA DANCE ORG	Annmarie Reynolds
Croatian Show Dance Association	not enrolled by name yet
Czech Dance Organization	not enrolled by name yet
TAF Germany e.V.	Ralf Knobloch
All Russia Dance Organization	not enrolled by name yet
Swiss International Dance Organization	not enrolled by name yet
IDO-UK	not enrolled by name yet
United States Dance Sport Competition Federation	not enrolled by name yet

We will come back to you at Mid-August to inform you how we may go on.

**Please do not book any airline- or other ticket yourself.**

For November 2020 I still expect restrictions about travelling - possibly by your countries or by Germany. There might be quarantine after you will arrive in Germany from outside and/or when you return home, which makes such a trip unreasonable.

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I also expect flight tickets might raise because of a new structure in international travels with much fewer flights at all. Nearly the whole airline business is grounded these days and we don't know how they will come back.

Most important is that we will run "Riesa" with highest care for the health and care of everybody participating. I expect we must be flexible and "live" with adaptations to be able to run "Riesa" at all. And "Riesa" must also be able to finance it. I have some plans....

...But again: Today it is too early to even think of it. We will come back to you in August.

Please - all my dear IDO-friends - take care and stay healthy!

Best regards to you and your families!

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